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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Applicant: VERHAVERBEKE et al
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Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A WAFER
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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 10/05/2001, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventor(s) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 (3 pages)
2. Copy of "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" (Form PTO-1533)

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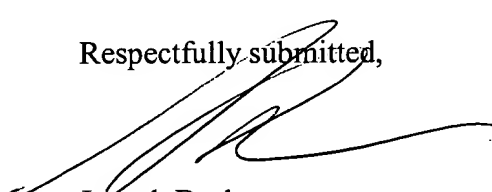
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It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above-named patent application and justify the filing date of 8/31/01. Please telephone the undersigned at (408)-986-3923 if there are any questions regarding this matter.

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